

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program

The ACSP promotes ecologically-sound land management and the conservation of natural resources.

Your participation will help you to plan, organize, implement, and document a comprehensive environmental management program

Partners on your golf course. for Conservation

Together Audubon International and the United States Golf Association work to:

- Enhance wildlife habitats on existing golf courses by working with the golf course manager and providing advice for ecologically-sound course management.
- Encourage active participation in conservation programs by golfers, golf course superintendents, course officials, and the general public.
- Recognize golf courses as important open spaces and credit the people actively participating in environmentally responsible projects.
- Educate the public and golf community about the benefits of golf courses and the role they play relative to the environment and wildlife.

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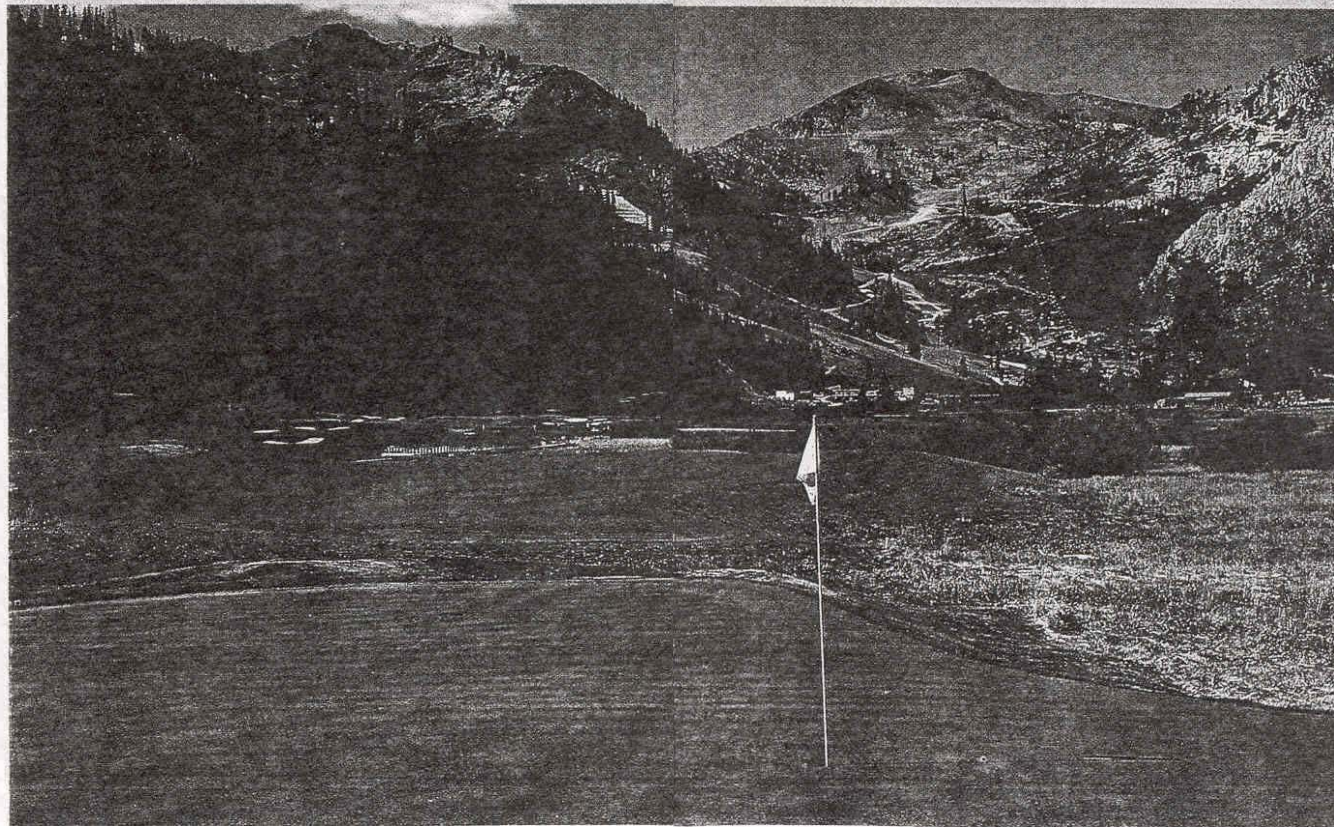
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golf courses

Your golf course can play a significant role in enhancing and protecting wildlife habitat and natural resources.

The ACSP provides an advisory information service to help you conduct proactive

environmental projects and achieve positive recognition for your efforts. Together, we can enhance the game of golf and improve the quality of the environment through stewardship action.



Why is the ACSP for golf courses important?

The ACSP increases awareness about positive golf contributions to the environment and community. Many golf courses already provide a variety of valuable



A bull frog finds sanctuary in a wetland area.

wildlife habitats. As members of the ACSP, golf course managers have the opportunity to protect the environment and preserve the natural heritage of the game of golf.

A program with your unique needs addressed

There are many conservation projects that you can pursue. We work with private clubs, public courses, resorts, residential communities, stadium courses and practice facilities. We take into account your unique setting when working together on projects such as:

- Implementing an environmental plan
- Expanding IPM programs
- Monitoring water quality
- Educating club members and the public
- Obtaining positive publicity
- Protecting and enhancing special habitats
- Creating new wildlife habitats

ALL DECISIONS CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACSP SUGGESTIONS REMAIN WITH THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT AND COURSE OFFICIALS.

The Benefits of Participation



An ACSP member participating in Water Quality Monitoring

- Promotes your positive, pro-active environmental achievements.

• Educates golf course employees about habitat management, Best Management Practices, and public outreach strategies designed especially for golf courses.

• Provides on-going technical information, support and guidance for implementing environmental projects.

• Results in financial savings on course maintenance for many participating courses.

• Improves the image of superintendents as valuable, knowledgeable professionals.



A member monitors an osprey platform.

• Connects superintendents and course personnel with local resource people and organizations who can support the golf course's environmental management programs.

• Helps superintendents organize and document their environmental activities.

How Can You Become Involved?

Getting involved is easy, and Audubon staff are available to provide advice and guidance along the way. Just follow these steps:

STEP 1

Register Your Course

To join, simply fill out the attached registration form and send it along with the application fee to Audubon International. Your course will then be a *registered* member of the ACSP.

Your new member packet includes:

- A Guide to Environmental Stewardship on the Golf Course. This book provides a comprehensive program overview and instructions for initiating conservation projects.
- One year subscription to *Field Notes*, the Cooperative Sanctuary System newsletter.
- Membership Art Print suitable for framing.
- Resource Inventory & Environmental Planning Form.

STEP 2

Complete your Resource Inventory & Environmental Plan

Fill out and return this form to tell Audubon about your course property, goals, and management plans. *All information is confidential.* Based on your site conditions, Audubon will provide you with direction for becoming a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

STEP 3

Obtain Certification

Obtaining certification demonstrates your leadership as a steward of the environment and helps you gain recognition for your achievements. You can become certified as a Cooperative Sanctuary by working toward projects and documenting your efforts. Audubon provides a *Certification Workbook* to help organize this information. The completed *Workbook* is a valuable management tool for documenting and communicating environmental management strategies. As conservation projects are implemented, your course can apply for certification in six categories:

- Environmental Planning
- Wildlife & Habitat Management
- Integrated Pest Management
- Water Conservation
- Water Quality Management
- Outreach & Education

A "Certificate of Achievement" for each category is granted once environmental activities are documented. Your course will be internationally recognized as a *Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary* once all six categories are achieved.

As a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, you will receive:

- Media press releases highlighting your golf course environmental conservation efforts.
- An Audubon Fine Art Print to display at the golf course distinguishing you as a Certified Cooperative Sanctuary.
- *Most importantly*, regional, national and international recognition as an environmental leader.

Join the
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REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Yes!

I/We want to register our golf course as a Cooperative Sanctuary with Audubon International

Course Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Please include annual registration fee of \$100 per golf course. (Please Note: international courses: \$125 per course) Make check payable to Audubon International in U.S. Dollars.

Thank you!

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